

POSING FOR PHOTO 731 PUPILS FALL WITH PLATFORM

Structure in Poughkeepsie
School Yard Collapses, In-
juring 16 Girls and Boys.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Sept. 17.—A collapsible platform, sixteen feet above the ground, on which 731 pupils of the Poughkeepsie High School were grouped for a photograph, gave way shortly after noon today. Fifteen pupils were injured; twelve of them were taken to the Vassar and General Hospitals, most of them suffering from fractured arms and legs.

The platform, on which they were standing was forty feet long and had been erected an hour previously alongside the wall of the building. The entire school body had been grouped by Superintendent of Schools Shear and Schuyler Fox, Superintendent of the High School, and were looking directly at the camera when the crash came. Shear and Fox were standing beside the photographer.

The platform folded up like a jack-knife half closed, the middle portion sagging to the ground and the ends remaining in their original position. Into the void thus formed the 731 children were hurled.

Superintendents Shear and Fox, aided by the staff of teachers, directed the work of rescue. An examination of the platform showed that none of the timbers had given way, but that the bolts used to hold them in place, apparently too weak for the unusual strain, had broken.

Those of the injured taken to the two hospitals are Anna Sullivan, Harold Hawkey, Robert Anderson, Genevieve Cramer, Edith Duncan, Joseph O'Rourke, Clara Vandewater, Norman Ringwood, Elizabeth Powers, Anna Lennahan, Elsie Knauss, Karl Innickus and Willard Curdy. It was thought that none of the injured would die.

AMERICANS, SORRY THEY LEFT MEXICO, ARE GOING BACK

Ranchers Acted on Wilson's
Warning and Now Complain
of "Needless Alarm."

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Sept. 17.—Declaring that they are sorry they ever left their ranches in Mexico and expressing the belief that there was actually no good reason why the Government should have advised them to flee, 130 men, women and children arrived from Mexico today on the United States cruiser Buffalo. All said they came solely as the result of President Wilson's recent warning, adding that they intend to return as soon as possible.

Blaming the Administration for needlessly hurrying them out of Mexico, the refugees gave the following statement to the United Press:

"We, the residents of the Yaqui Valley, desire to state the following facts regarding the exodus of Americans from Mexico:

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"Relying on these representations, we abandoned our homes and property. Our ranches were without mails and consequently we could not ourselves intelligently judge the situation. Both mine and Peter's had visited the Yaqui Valley, but neither had committed any act against foreigners nor had either disturbed our homes or property.

"Aside from wandering Indians temporarily getting beyond control, everything was peaceful. While conditions in Mexico had paralyzed business and created temporary financial embarrassment, nothing had menaced our lives or property.

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The Evening World's and Welfare Association's City-Wide Series of Better Babies' Contests

Mothers Exhibiting Intense Interest In the Examination of Their Infants

Parents Throng Little Italy House in Brooklyn
Anxious to Learn the Status of Their Babies in the Contest—Many Children Measure Well Up to the Standard Set by the Charts.

Eugenists, physicians, scientists and other persons working for the physical and mental improvement of mankind are taking a deep interest in the movement for better babies, but if the scene at the Little Italy House, No. 146 Union street, Brooklyn, is any indication of interest, the mothers of that vicinity are even more interested than are any other persons.

The building was thronged with women, who brought babies of from four months to four years to be measured and examined in the Better Babies' Contest being conducted under the auspices of The Evening World and the Babies' Welfare Association, when the doors were opened for the second day of examinations, and more than sixty children had been passed upon before the closing hour at 5 o'clock, bringing the total for the two days up to 110.

MEASURING REMARKABLY NEAR THE STANDARD.

The weight and height of the contestants measured remarkably near the standards on the charts when it is considered that the majority were of Italian descent and naturally somewhat less of stature than are Americans. Few defects were found among those examined.

"The physicians of the city are entering into the movement splendidly and in small part of the success will be due to them," said Dr. Jane Robbins, who is in charge of the contest at this center. "They have aided us in every way possible and we expect to see them take an even greater interest as the work progresses. Within a few years I believe that every physician in the city

had a complete knowledge of the situation and not desiring to embarrass our own Government. We thereby suffered a loss and feel justified in relying upon the Government to protect our interests in future."

Many of the refugees were ranchers who owned their places, which are now unprotected. The statement was drawn up during the trip north.

OCCASIONAL DRUNK NO BAR TO BUSINESS

Supreme Court Judge Makes Ruling
on Convivial Business Men's Ability.

Merely getting drunk on the job once in a while doesn't necessarily mean that a man can't attend to business. This may sound like a brewery advertisement, but it is a judicial utterance made in the Supreme Court today by Justice Day, and when he said it the face of Jerry Kavanaugh beamed with smiles.

Thirteen-year-old Margaret Mary Kavanaugh, through her attorneys and her guardian, asked for the appointment of a receiver for an apartment house at No. 125 West Forty-ninth street, now managed by her uncle, who is Jerry. Mr. Wilbert Ward, the girl's attorney, told Justice Day that she wanted her uncle removed as manager of the estate of her grandfather, the late Capt. Patrick Shaw, because, she charged, he was addicted to drink and had not been keeping careful track of the rents he collected and was supposed to turn over to a trust company.

"Uncle Jeremiah does get drunk frequently," said Mr. Ward impressively, "and a receiver is really needed."

"That statement is uncalled for," shouted John V. Judge, attorney for the uncle. "We will show that Mr. Kavanaugh, even though of a convivial nature, has kept the apartments well filled and has been an excellent landlord."

"Well, I declare," said the Justice in surprise. "Does the mere fact that a man gets intoxicated from time to time necessarily incapacitate him from attending to business properly? I should say it didn't, and I see no reason for the appointment of a receiver on the grounds urged here today."

Both sides submitted briefs, and Justice Day announced that he would reserve his decision.

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Doctors and Nurses Measuring Chest Expansion of Philip Williams, Eight Months Old, an Entrant in the Contest at Little Italy House, 146 Union Street, Brooklyn.

will have entered heartily into the movement, as each recognizes the good it is doing as soon as it is forcibly brought to his attention.

"We expect to carry along the work here unceasingly, and do not expect to let the mothers forget that their babies are to be inspected periodically hereafter. The mothers take great pride in seeing their little ones make good marks while in competition with other

children, and this competition, we believe, will do much to improve the general average in this vicinity.

"Already we are seeing an increase in the number who come to let their babies be measured, and we hope in future years to have the mothers as well trained for their duties as are the nurses.

"When one can show the mothers wherein their children are deficient it

is not hard to persuade them to remedy the defects, and the remedy for one child soon induces another mother who is jealous for her own to make equal efforts to make it healthy and strong. We are delighted with the results and the interest shown."

The daily examinations will continue every afternoon this week from 2 until 5 o'clock until all the children entered in the contest are examined.

DIGGS GETS SENTENCE OF TWO YEARS IN JAIL; CAMINETTI 18 MONTHS

Convicted as White Slavers,
Both Californians Must
Also Pay Fines.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—Maury I. Diggs, former State Architect of California, was sentenced today by Judge Van Fleet in the United States District Court to serve two years in the State Penitentiary at San Quentin and to pay a fine of \$2,000 for violating the Mann White Slave Traffic act.

F. Drew Caminetti was sentenced to eighteen months at San Quentin and to pay a fine of \$1,500 for a similar offense.

Former Governor J. W. Griggs of New Jersey, and for a time Attorney-General under President McKinley, was one of the arrivals on the Cunard liner Caronia, which came in this morning from Liverpool. Accompanying Mr. Griggs was his wife and three pretty daughters, the Misses Janette, Alice and Helen.

"But," said Mr. Griggs, and it was some "But." "You should hear Europe every body who is anybody considers that the actions of Mr. Bryan are the worst

wallpaper that American diplomacy has ever received. They mention the names of Hay and Blaine with reverence and then snicker in their sleeves at the mention of Bryan. They regard him as a clown.

"Men of dignity and weight ask why, if the salary of the office isn't sufficient, he doesn't give up the job, instead of clowning it about the country for the dollars. When I was Attorney-General I found that the salary of \$8,000 a year wasn't enough to pay my expenses, so I resigned the position.

GARROTE GIRL; RIFLE TILL.

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News Oddities

MR. BRYAN continues to "go great" on the turkey circuit. At Staunton, Va. (the President's birthplace), last night he may be said to have knocked 'em out with his justly celebrated monologue, "Signs of the Times." His end of the gate is estimated at \$400 for each of two performances.

WOMEN TOURISTS returning to the United States by way of Boston reported to be bringing in steel pointed swagger sticks as a corrective of street masher.

RETURNED missionary from China, addressing Presbytery at Orange, reports encouraging growth of American ideals in the far East. Many Chinese, he says, now wearing American garters, though, with Oriental perversity, they wear 'em, like their shirts, outside their trousers.

CHICAGO welcomes the new feminist electorate to its first campaign with programmes for women voters of "ward dances" and "precinct card parties."

SIDELIGHT thrown on high domestic life in two sovereign States by chance revelation of an applicant for job as butler in the household of the Governor of Illinois who sneers at \$20,000 as measure of Governor's annual expense. Applicant says he got his ideas in the service of former Gov. Dix.

WINSTED reports the experience of esteemed citizen painlessly delivered of a needle at his elbow after carrying it in his system for fifty years.

ONE HUNDRED YARD foot race run by rear-admiral and captain of British navy in fulfillment of challenge made twenty years ago won by captain. Time, 12 seconds. Age of contestants, forty-nine and forty-eight respectively.

BABY SHOW at Lima, O., postponed because of riot between mothers. None of babies hurt.

CONNECTICUT bee farmer dying from pernicious activity of one of his bees, which he had accidentally swallowed.

INCREASED importation at this port of Argentine beef said to be Argentina's resort to proposed monopolistic of British import market by American Beef Trust. American consumer looks on complacently.

"COKE KING," called ringleader of cocaine sellers in New York, sentenced to one year and \$500 fine, limit of law, which Judge pronounced inadequate.

LEADER of Irish Unionists begins inspection of volunteer army in Ulster, said to number 100,000 men, to oppose home rule.

PRESIDENT of Chicago Dreammakers' Club says "a few" women in that metropolis spend \$75,000 a year for clothes, though most women of the merely "wealthy get along on \$5,000 or even less."

CHICAGO lawsuit discloses that fourteen examples of Hogarth sold by enterprising "de luxe" art dealer are now hanging on walls of Senator Clark in Fifth avenue.

NEW YORK MAN, owner of boat which failed to win race at Thousand Islands, sues builder for \$1,000.

EMPERATOR, due in this port this afternoon, carries 4,981 passengers and crew, quite the record for all time.

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